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THE BROWN FAMILY.

Dea. Nathaniel Skiff was the next settler in order at Willimantic; but while awaiting some facts respecting his father, James Skiff, we will give the history of the Brown family. Considerable interest attaches to this family for several reasons.

JOHN BROWN, the first settler in this country, as we shall see, was a very distinguished man in his day. Stephen Brown, the Willimantic settler, was a grandson of Major John Mason, of Norwich, the hero of the Pequot war. The first conveyance of any of the land given by Joshua to the Norwich legatees, was by Samuel Mason to his brother-in-law, Capt. John Brown, March 2d, 1677, when he gave to him a 1000 acre right, on which Stephen, the son of Capt. Brown, settled. A part of this land, embracing the "home farm," or at least a considerable portion of it, is now owned by Elias P. Brown, Esq., who is of the 7th generation from John Brown, the first settler;—the land having remained uninterruptedly in the family 185 years and during five generations.

The following is the genealogy:

FIRST GENERATION.

JOHN BROWN was acquainted with the Pilgrims at Leyden, before 1620, but the year of his coming to this country is unknown. He settled in Plymouth colony, was at Duxbury in 1636, at Taunton, in 1643, and was an original proprietor and early settler of Rehoboth. The following notice is made of him in "Morton's N. E. Memorial" (pp. 299, 296, 297.) "In his younger years travelling into the low countries, he came acquainted with, and took good liking to, the revered pastor of the church of Christ at Leyden, as also to sundry of the brethren of that church; which ancient amity induced him (upon his coming over to New England) to seat himself in the jurisdiction of New Plymouth, in which he was chosen magistrate, in which place he served God and the country several years; he was well accomplished with abilities to both civil and religious concernments, and attained, through God's grace, unto a comfortable perswasion of the love and favour of God to him; he falling sick of a fever, with much serenity and spiritual comfort, fell asleep in the Lord, and was honorably buried in Wannamoiset near Rehoboth" [Swansey], April 10th, 1662. Bliss, in his History of Rehoboth (p. 53), says: "He was first elected to the office of Assistant in Plymouth Colony in 1636, which office he ably filled for seventeen years. He was also one of the Commissioners of the United Colonies of New England from 1644, to 1655." "He was one of the original proprietors of the town, and owned large estates in land both at Rehoboth and Wannamoiset. Mr. Brown was a friend to religious toleration, and was the first of the Plymouth magistrates who expressed scruples as to the expediency of coercing the people to support the ministry. He was a man of talent, integrity, and piety, and his death was deeply felt throughout the whole colony."

He had at least the following children, all probably born in England:

1. *James*, who m. Lydia, dau. of John Howland, had a family, and was also an Assistant of the Colony in 1665. He lived at Swansey, and d. Oct. 29, 1710, aged 87 years.
2. *Mary*, who m. July 6, 1636, John Willett.
3. *John.*

SECOND GENERATION.

JOHN BROWN, Jr., (No. 3, above), son of John the Assistant, was probably born in England, m. a dau. of William Buckland (Christian name not found) lived in Rehoboth or Swansey, and died March 31, 1662. He left the following children:

1. *John*, born last Friday in September, 1650.
2. *Lydia*, b. Aug. 6, 1656,—so says the record, but it is probably incorrect.
3. *Annah*, or Hannah, Jan. 29, 1657.
4. *Joseph*, b. April 9, 1658.
5. *Nathaniel*, b. June 9, 1661.

THIRD GENERATION.

Capt. JOHN BROWN, of Swansey, (No. 1, above named), son of John Brown, Jr., appears to have been held in high estimation by his Mason relatives and the Mohegan Indians. We have seen that Samuel Mason gave him a thousand acres of land in 1677, a dozen years before Cates commenced the Windham settlement; and in the deed of gift to Capt. Brown by Oweneco, in 1689, (published in the JOURNAL, March 7,) the Captain is highly spoken of and his military prowess hinted at. As he lived in the times and among the stirring scenes of Philip's war, it is quite probable that he saw active service in that struggle, in which Oweneco and the Masons participated. It would seem that much effort was made to induce Capt. Brown to settle in Windham, but without avail. The exact date of his death is not found, but it was previous to 1711, though probably not long before. The home farm of Capt. John Brown was laid out at "Willamantuck riuer," April, 1706, and is described as follows: "Abutting Southwest on Willamantuck riuer one hundred and fifty rod the west corner being a stak against the mouth of hop riuer; the south corner is a double whit oak; abutting southeast on Mr. James Allyn's Lot; on hundred sixty & foure rod; the East Corner being a whit oak bush on the plain; abutting northeast on the Commons one hundred fifty rod; the north corner being a whit oak; abutting northwest on Commons and addition Land of Capt. Brown a hundred and sixty & foure rod; which addition Land abutteth on the riuer seventy two rods; then an easterly line eighty rods; to meet with the line of the first Lot; the lot with the addition Containes one hundred & sixty acres besides allowance for a highway."

The lot drawn for Capt. Brown was originally No. 3 at Willimantic, which was exchanged for No. 2, in the crotch of the river, where a home lot was laid out Dec. 26, 1699, and home farm added as above.

Capt. John Brown m. Anna Mason, dau. of Major John Mason, of Norwich, Nov. 8, 1672. Their children were as follows:

1. *John*, b. April 28, 1675, m. Abigail Cole, July 2, 1696, and d. in 1752 at S., was called Capt.
2. *Lydia*, b. March 16, 1697, m. Joseph Wadsworth, of Lebanon, Ct., and died Dec. 27, 1759—had 3 children.
3. *Martha*, b. Nov. 20, 1681, m. her first cousin, Deacon Eleazer Fitch, of Lebanon, youngest son of Rev. Jas. Fitch, of Norwich. They had no issue.
4. *Daniel*, b. Oct. 1683, d. in infancy.
5. *Ebenezer*, b. June 15, 1685, settled at Lebanon, and m. Sarah Hyde, Feb. 25, 1714. She was the dau. of Samuel Hyde, and was born at Windham, Dec. 20, 1696, and died at Lebanon. March 1, 1797, aged 100 years. Their dau. Lydia m. Ichabod Robinson of L., and was the mother of Rev. Wm. Robinson, of Southington, a distinguished Congregational clergyman, and grandmother of Prof. Edward Robinson, of New York the celebrated Oriental scholar.
6. *Daniel, 2d*, b. Sept. 26, 1686.
7. *Stephen*, b. Jan. 29, 1688, settled at Windham near the Willimantic river.
8. *Joseph*, b. May 19, 1690.

FOURTH GENERATION.

STEPHEN BROWN, son of Capt. John, (No. 7), settled at Windham (near Willimantic river) before 1720. Jan. 27, 1715, he is called "of Windham," when his brothers, Capt. John, Daniel and Joseph, of Swansey, quit-claimed their right in the 1000 acre share. April 1, 1717, he is called "of Lebanon"; April 26, 1717, he is called "of Windham." In 1720 he had located on the Willimantic home farm, and had before that time built a house upon it. That house, one tradition says, was near the present dwelling of Wm. Avery, Esq., a little east of it on the opposite side of the way. He was the next settler west of the Iron Works bridge, after Mr. Jonathan Babcock. Tradition makes him a man of courage and determination, with a good degree of the Mason blood and spirit. He took part in the famous "Hartford riot" in 1722, in which Jeremiah Fitch, of Coventry, his cousin, was liberated from the jail, where he was imprisoned on account of some decision respecting the Hop river lands.

He m. 1st, Mary Risley, June, 1729; she d. April 2, 1730; m. 2d, Abigail Rugg, dau. of Thomas, of Mansfied, March 4, 1730-31; she d. Nov. 1731; m. 3d, Mary Jacobs, of Mansfield, Nov. 1734.

Stephen Brown, the Willimantic settler, died Oct., 1766, aged about 78. He had the following children:

1. *Stephen, Jr.*, b. —, m. Dec. 3, 1760, Mary, dau. of Nathaniel Shattuck, and had Eunice, Lucinda, Hannah, Joseph Hill, Stephen, Lucinda, Ambrose, Jerome, Elijah, Mary and Annis. [Joseph Hill, above, m. Martha Barrows, and had Fanny, Washington, Harry, Joseph Hill, Martha and Elijah Nelson.]
2. *Abigail*, by 2d wife, b. Nov. 2, 1731, m. George Anderson, of Mansfield, and had a family.
3. *Mary*, by 3d wife, b. April 18, 1738.
4. *John*, b. June 18, 1742.

FIFTH GENERATION.

JOHN BROWN, son of Stephen above (No. 4), was a highly respected and useful citizen. Besides cultivating his farm, and keeping a country tavern, he carried on the manufacture of potash and the refining of salt petre; he being the only person in this part of the country who understood the latter business. During the Revolutionary war, he prepared the saltpetre used in the Willimantic powder mills. He was employed by the State, and was highly esteemed by Governor Trumbull. He married Sybil Barrows, dau. of Jabez Barrows, of Mansfield, Dec. 22, 1763.

He died Dec. 1824, aged 82; she d. Jan., 1837, aged 93. Their children were:

1. *Roswell*, b. March 12, 1765, d. July 20, 1792, unm.
2. *Lydia*, b. Nov. 4, 1777, m. Wm. Spafford, and settled at Troy N. Y.
3. *John*, b. Nov. 16, 1769.
4. *Eunice*, b. March 16, 1772, m. Asa Brace, settled in N. Y. State.
5. *Clarissa*, m. Samuel Babcock, settled at Westmoreland, N. Y.
6. *Assenath*, m. Nathaniel Fitch, settled at Verona, Oneida Co., N. Y.
7. *Sybil*, m. Jedediah Fitch, settled at Verona, N. Y.
8. *Jabez*, m., 1st, Sophia Babcock; 2d, Hannah Barrows, living in 1861.
9. *Lucinda*, m. Jabez Cummings, of Mansfield.

SIXTH GENERATION.

JOHN BROWN (No. 3), son of John above, m., 1st, Olive Martin, m., 2d, Elizabeth Palmer, dau. of Elias, of Coventry; m., 3d, Nancy Fitch. He died April 27, 1841, aged 71.

Children by 1st wife:

1. *Julia*, died young.
2. *Roswell*, d. unm.
3. *Nathan*, m. Elizabeth Murdock, resides at Lebanon.
4. *Eliphalet*, m. Ermina Preston, and d. at Willimantic.

Children by 2d wife:

5. *Albert Banks*, m. Marcia Dunham, and died in Illinois, Sept. 1859.
6. *Maria Arnold*, m. Dwight Bailey, resides in Franklin.
7. *Elias Palmer*, m. Salvira Dickinson, has a family, and resides on the homestead farm, which is a part of the same land given by Samuel Mason to Capt. John Brown in 1677.
8. *Wealthy*, m. Frederick Curtis, resides at Saugerties, N. Y.
9. *Sarah*, m. Vine R. Hovey, deceased.
10. *John*, our well-known fellow citizen, m. Rebecca T. Lyon, and has a family. *His* son John is of the 8th generation, and the 7th John Brown from Mr. John Brown, the Assistant.
11. *Dwight*, killed by the explosion of a powder mill in Manchester, at the age of 24, unmarried.
12. *Ralph Williams*, died aged 3 years.

Col. Elderkin and his Law Student.

Those who have heard anything about the Windham "Frog Fight," (and who has not?) will remember not only the name of "Col. Dyer," but "Elderkin too." The latter was Col. Jedediah Elderkin, an eminent lawyer of Windham a hundred years ago. The Colonel, though a somewhat grave and dignified man, liked a good joke once in a while, especially with his students. Among the latter at one time was a very smart young man, named Bissell, who was a nephew of the Colonel. Wishing to give him a "lesson," probably, he said to him, just as he finished his studies, that there was one important secret of the profession which he had not communicated to him, and could not do so unless he would give him ten dollars. Bissell, wishing to be fully "posted," as we now say, handed over the money, when the Colonel with great gravity said: "Young man, when you commence practice, if you wish to be sure of your case, you must have good and sufficient evidence." Bissell was a little chopfallen, while his fellow students greatly relished the joke; but he said nothing, though he made a note of it, and inwardly resolved to come up with his uncle some day.

The young lawyer, we think, located at Norwich, and occasionally came up to Windham to attend court. Some year or two after the occurrence with his uncle, and when it had passed from the recollection of the latter, Bissell came up to attend the term. Before he left for home he one day took his uncle aside, told him he was a little short of money, and requested a loan of ten dollars, which, of course, was very readily granted. Time passed on, and the next term of the court came round, when Bissell again made his appearance. After court was over, when about leaving for home he went to the office of the Colonel to bid him good bye. The latter (who, by the way, looked out pretty well for his dollars,) thought of the money that his nephew borrowed of him last term, and was a little surprised that he had not offered to pay it. But thinking he had forgotten the matter, he reminded him of the fact, when Bissell said "he didn't owe him anything." The Judge related the circumstances and tried to refresh his memory; but Bissell insisted he did not owe him a dollar. Finally Bissell said: "Uncle, I will tell you what I think you had better do. Just bring the matter into court; but before you do so, I advise you to see that you have good and sufficient evidence, or you may lose your case." "Ah, you rogue, you," said the Judge, the old ten dollar affair flashing across his mind. "Well, well, let us go over to Staniford's and take a glass of wine, and then we will consider the ten dollar matter settled."

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The author of the following lines is destined to occupy a good position among our American poets. Who is he?

O wunst I luved anuthur gal
Her name it was murrier
but betsy deer my luv for u
is forty times more hier.

* * *

Knowledge cannot be acquired without pains and application. It is troublesome, and deep digging for pure water; but when once you come to the springs, they rise up and meet you.

* * *

A strong will deals with the hard facts of life as a sculptor with his marbles; making them yield to his purposes, and conquering their stubbornness by a greater stubbornness of his own.

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WILLIAM L. WEAVER, Editor.

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☞ For interesting reading matter, see 4th page.

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The War News.

The war news is meager this week, there being no important battles to describe, or striking events to chronicle. The lull evidently precedes a gathering storm, for the opposing forces are mustering in all their strength in Virginia and Mississippi. It can hardly be many days before 200,000 men will be contending for the control of the Mississippi Valley, and not many weeks hence, more than 400,000 men will be hurled upon each other in Virginia, where in all probability the final and decisive battle will be fought.

THE TOLLAND COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, Hon. Loren P. Waldo, President, will hold its annual meeting at Tolland, April 29th, at 10 o'clock A. M.

Rev. G. A. Calhoun, D D, will give Biographical sketches of some of the early Clergyman of the county. John S. Yeomans, Esq, of Columbia, will read a portion of his address on the early settlement of the territory now embraced in that town. Why cannot Windham County have a Historical Society.

CHAPLAIN'S AID COMMISSION.—A letter received from Rev. Horace Winslow, Chaplain of the 5th Regiment Conn. Vol, acknowedges the receipt of a chapel tent and box of books and magizines from the Conn. Chaplain's Aid Commission.

The Chaplain writes in glowing terms of the delight with which the soldiers welcomed the tent and reading matter. The Commission is certainly doing a noble work.

THE WILLIMANTIC JOURNAL.—This paper has been placed upon a good foundation, and its editor, Mr. William L. Weaver, we have long known as a gentleman of good attainments, who is well calculated to make a local paper interesting. Familiar with the ancient history of ancient Windham and its surroundings, the historical sketches he is now publishing are of themselves worth the small sum the paper costs. —*Stafford News Letter.*

The *News Letter* is one of the most interesting of our exchanges, and always as full of good matter as an egg is of meat. Mr. H. T Small, the Stafford Springs Editor, is an old and esteemed friend of ours, and appears to be as much at home in the editorial chair as he is in mercantile and business pursuits.

☞ Rev. C. H. Bullard, of Hartford may expected to give, in the Congregational Church in this village, on Sabbath evening next an account of the Tract Society's doings among the soldiers and in the hospitals.

PARSON BROWNLOW'S BOOK.—Mr. A. A. Hall is agent ~~for this work, and will~~ supply it in advance of the trade. It will possess a thrilling interest.

☞ Our advertising columns this week indicate that there is still some business enterprise in Willimantic, notwithstanding the hard times.

Hon. A. A. Burnham will accept our thanks for a copy of Major Delafield's report on the art of War in Europe.

☞ We are indebted to our friends with Gen. Burnside for late copies of the Newbern *Progress*, for which we are much obliged. The issue of April 16th is an interesting number, but printed on brown paper.

☞ Doctor Card, as will be seen by a special notice, has located among us as a practicing physician and surgeon. He refers to a number of distinguished members of the profession.

Alfred Waterman—a son of Rev. T. T. Waterman—has recently become pastor of the Congregational church in Fitchville, (Bozrah,) Ct.

☞ See Wood's column.

Washington Correspondence of the Journal.

OUR MEMBER—SLAVES LEAVING WASHINGTON LIBERTY—SOUTHERNERS' BLIND PREJUDICE—WAR PROSPECT—A LETTER FROM CHAS. P. EVANS, SHIP ISLAND.

FRIEND WEAVER: I was glad to see our Windham member, A. A. Burnham, an evening or two since, just arrived to resume his seat in the House. His health is at present tolerable, and I hope from what he says of it, will admit of his remaining here the rest of the session.

While most of the negroes here, bond and free, rejoice at the law abolishing slavery from our national capital, some slaves—I know a family of such—have actually co-operated with their owners with hearty good will to get out of the District between the passage of the act and the signing of it by the President, for the avowed purpose of escaping its effects upon themselves and being made free! The case within my own knowledge is that of a neighboring slaveholder. The slaves—four or five grown persons, and two or three children—hurried off to a relative of the owner out in the country, and the owner—a widow woman—proposes to move to Baltimore, whither her chattels will be sent to her. She herself has nothing for them to do beyond a little house work for one of them. She hires them out and lives upon their wages. I don't think she has any other income. Occasionally one of the slave girls, or women, comes home to become a mother, by what father, the delicate, christian owner knows and cares not, but well she knows it adds one to her stock of working cattle after a while. That mother, for the year following, is allowed to remain at home as her owner's house servant, in order that she may give the necessary care to her own offspring. That is the programme.

Well, of this delicate, commendable system the Southerners are so enamored, that a Virginian—a loudly-devoted Union man, who has told me that he believed the Secessionists would hang him if they caught him at home—this sacrificing Union man, before the signing of the bill, declared as his opinion, and in such oracular tones as fully conveyed the high esteem he held it in, that if Mr. Lincoln would veto the abolition act, he would be the greatest man in America! I presume the slaves who have run away from their liberty, have been frightened into their folly by some bug-bear story about colonization, leading them to believe that they would be forcibly deported to a strange land. And really, many an owner is too stupid to understand an act of Congress for him or herself, when they can read it, which is not always.

The war prospect is not so bright as I could wish, or as I had thought it a few days ago. We have hard work to do out West yet, and harder work at Yorktown, I fear. However, it can and will be done, and before long, probably; that is, in a few weeks, McClellan may be expected to reduce the works at Yorktown; and the Western generals I look to for more rapid achievements, of course. The only title McClellan is earning for himself, in case of very good success ultimately, even, is The Slow—McClellan the Slow. By order of the President, against the wishes of Secretary Stanton, McDowell has been obliged to reinforce McClellan with Gen. Franklin's Division; McClellan urging his request with the plea of necessity, in view of a larger force of the enemy than he had expected. He was too long, by half, getting down there.

I transcribe a portion of Charles' letter of March 21st, from Ship Island. It exhibits something of the life, not of the writer only, but of all the Willimantic boys generally:

"I have just got through with my frugal repast, which consisted of salt junk and hard bread, and feel grateful, as it is seldom we get that. We have fared miserably since our arrival here, having had very hard work and little to eat. However, I can endure it if the rest can. The horses belonging to the 12th not having arrived, the men have to back all the provisions for the Regiment, and all the lumber for the buildings now being erected, hospital, commissary's store, &c., about a mile; also all the wood for fuel about *four* miles, as this end of the island is barren, excepting a few inches. On the other end (which but a very few years ago undoubtedly was a separate island, but now connected by a sand-bar) grow pitch pine and the palmetto; the latter much less thrifty than in South Carolina.

"We have terrible gales here, always accompanied with thunder and lightning and rain. Rain! whew! you can form no conception of it here in the Gulf. Rain in the Northern States is but a mist to it. I was out in one of these storms about a week ago, on the weather side of the Island, a-wooding; and for the time it lasted it was full as heavy as anything I ever buffetted anywhere, off Cape Horn not excepted. The same night our 1st Lieut. and six men were driven on the Mississippi shore in a boat, in attempting to bring us provisions, but returned safe to camp in two days after some trying times on Secession soil. Our bivouac was on a spot where formerly stood a hotel for the accomodation of summer visitors from the main. Our huts were built of pitch pine boughs, and thatched with the palmetto; and, as the heavy, dark clouds were fast gathering in the distance in the point from which a storm is to be expected, I took the precaution to erect mine between six trees, to fortify it against the wind. And that purpose it answered; but for the rain, in fifteen minutes—less—after it began to descend, I was lying in a puddle of water. But there I lay until Capt. Braley's waiter (a son of Albert Wilson of Willimantic) came and told me that a camp fire was lighted, and that the Capt. and all hands were at it. Thirty of us out of the company who had been detailed for two days' wooding were there. When I got in sight of the fire and the men sitting around it, I thought it the most picturesque scene that could possibly be imagined. The rain having subsided, woolen and india rubber blankets were hung round to dry, while the Capt. and men sat on the ground with their haversacks and canteens slung by their sides, boasting of which but weathered the gale the best; and then falling into a consultation about the best place to encamp in the morning."

From his total silence about any sickness in the company, we are left to hope that the boys are enjoying a good share of health.

Yours, J. E.

Council at Mansfield.

An Ecclesiastical Council met at Mansfield Center, on Tuesday of this week. Rev. F. Williams of Chaplin, was chosen moderator, and Rev. E. F. Brooks, of North Mansfield, scribe. Rev. Mr. Atwood on account of failing health, had asked a dismission. The result of the meeting was as follows:

"The Council having as invited, carefully considered the request of Rev. Anson S. Atwood to be dismissed from the pastoral charge of the First Church in Mansfield, also the statements of the Church and Society, in connection with their assent that the request be granted, do hereby

Resolve, That Mr. Atwood's letter tendering his resignation of the pastorate—which he read from the pulpit on the last Sabbath in March—ought to be accepted, said resignation to take effect on Wednesday, the 7th day of May next

In coming to this decision and thereby giving its sanction to the sundering of a link welded forty three years ago, and now overlaid with many precious memories, the Council cordially sympathise with the retiring pastor in the failing strength which with increasing years, has led him to seek a release from the manifold, yet delightful labors and cares of his office, and to make arrangements to remove from his beloved charge. They desire to express also their estimation of the singular fidelity, sagacity and success, with which he has performed his ministry and to rejoice with him, that divine favor has enabled him to see fruit so abundant and excellent among his own people; to benefit the churches of the Consociation by his wise and peace-promoting counsels; and to furnish the brethren in the ministry a happy example of the excellence of a permanent pastorate.

Moreover, the Council would express to this church and people, hearty condolence for the loss of their esteemed and revered pastor, from whose lips, they, their fathers and their children have heard the word of life, whose counsels have often lightened their sorrows, and resolved their doubts, while his long and peaceful ministry has at once increased the efficiency of the means of grace among his own people, and exempted them from numerous ills and hopes, incident to frequent pastoral changes.

The Council devoutly hope that He who remains with the flock, when He removes the under Shepherd will continue to bless this people and in due time guide their minds to the harmonious choice of a pastor, that in his turn, with fidelity and success, shall preach Christ and him crucified to them and their children.

Mr. Atwood has purchased a house in East Hartford, where he designs to remove with his family. Many besides his own people regret the necessity of his going and follow him with their best wishes to his new home.

For the Journal.

Obituary.

Died in Columbia, April 15th, Mrs. B. Lyman, wife of Dea. Benjamin Lyman.

Mrs. Lyman was the daughter of the late Dea. Samuel Barstow, deceased, of Columbia, was born Dec. 13th, 1782, was married to Dea. Lyman, who is a little more than a year her senior in age, June 9th, 1802. They immediately entered upon the duties of conjugal life in the same dwelling which they have continued to occupy till her death—nearly sixty years They have had nine children, five sons and four daughters, all living, and all except one were present at her funeral. In this long period of sixty years they have remained unbroken in the family circle. She united with the church, Oct. 18th, 1809.

Mrs. Lyman was a model wife and mother. Modest, unassuming and naturally retiring in her habits, she was strongly attached to her home, and in the performance of the domestic duties of the wife and mother, she found her greatest earthly enjoyment. Her success in this sphere is most fully attested in the blameless lives of the large group of children whom she guided in infancy, and who have so long called her mother.

As they gathered around the coffin to take their last look of the deceased, and wept,—as well they might weep,—the voice of the venerable and bereaved husband is heard in clear accents, saying: "Suppress your tears! It is the Lord's 'will.' 'He gave, He hath taken away.' 'Blessed be the name of the Lord.'" The eldest son responded:

> " A shade of gloom is o'er us cast,
> A silent voice to us has spoken;
> The silver cord is loosed at last,
> The pitcher at the fountain broken,
> And all seems sad."

The Fifth Connecticut regiment is not at Yorktown, but was last heard from in the valley of the Shenandoah.

Rev. Geo. Soule of Hampton, chaplain 11th Connecticut, who came home in charge of the body of Capt. E. R. Lee, has not resigned, but is on a brief furlough.

For the Journal.

Geographical Enigma.

I am composed of 27 letters.

My 14, 2, 25, 7, 22, 26, 8, is a territory of the United States.
My 17, 5, 9, 14, is an island in the Mediterranean sea.
My 22, 3, 8, 27, 17, is a river in Missouri.
My 13, 10, 21, 24, is the capital of a country in Europe.
My 4, 14, 3, 11, is a cape on the coast of Asia.
My 21, 12, 10, 18, 19, is a lake in California.
My 6, 22, 23, 8, is one of the United States.
My 20, 6, 15, 1, 8, 12, is a country in Asia.
My 4, 16, 25, 10, is a town in Pennsylvania.
My 3, 26, 22, 23, is a chain of mountains in Africa.
My whole is the name of a celebrated poetess.

ELLA.

☞ Read description of the new clothes wringer, for sale by J. E. Cushman. It is said to be a great labor-saving machine.

☞ See the Card of Lee and Osgood, druggists, of Norwich, an old firm, well and favorably known to many Willimantic citizens.

☞ Tilden & Dimmick the new firm in the grocery and provision line, mean to be fully up with the times, keep a good stock of first rate articles, sell low, and advertise in the JOURNAL

State Items.

On Monday the 14th inst., a fire in North Branford burned over 100 acres of woodland doing great damage: and a man named John P. Johnson was burned to death in his shanty in the woods.

J. Brown of Deep River, while returning from New London on Wednesday evening, 16th, was confronted in South Lyme by three men who demanded his money. Instead of his purse he pulled out a revolver, and they ran away taking refuge in a house of ill fame near by.

One of the editors of the New Haven *Palladium* passing through State street in that city, after 10 o'clock of Thursday night, 17th, heard a woman utter cries of distress. Entering a a back yard he found a handsome and well dressed young woman struggling with a fellow who held her nose and mouth, evidently for the purpose of suppressing her screams, and surrounded by pimps and prostitutes. He was told that she was "only in a fit" and left her to her fate.

New Haven is making preparations for a grand election parade.

Capt. E. F. Townsend of the 16th U S. Infantry, who was in the battle near Pittsburg, Tenn, with Gen. Buell's army, is a son-in law of Hon Geo. D. Wadhams, one of the Railroad Commissioners of this State.

Richard Bradley, aged eleven years, son of Mr. Gurdon Bradley, of Branford, accidentally shot himself, while in a field near his father's house on the 17th. He had been sent into the field to work, and unbeknown to his parents, took a gun along, and while playing with it, the piece was discharged and the contents entered his shoulder. His recovery is considered very doubtful.

Leander Parmelee, Esq, Ex-Sheriff of New Haven County died, at Wallingford on the 17th. Mr. Parmelee was a kind hearted man, and was universally beloved wherever he was known. His age was 68.

The barn of William Gelston, in East Haddam, was discovered to be on fire about 10 o'clock Thursday evening, and was burned to the ground, with about three tons of hay, two sleighs, harness, and a pair of valuable Devon bulls. Loss about $800—no insurance.

On Wednesday, Capt. Leggett of Co. H Tenth Conn. Regiment, with such others of his company who came home wounded as are well enough, will start for Newbern to enter upon active service again.

We are informed that the rebel flag, which floated over Fort Pulaski until its surrender, is in this city in possession of Gov. Buckingham. It was awarded to the Seventh Connecticut, we understand, as a trophy due their services and gallantry in the siege, and they immediately forwarded it to Gov. Buckingham to be placed in the State capitol.—*Norwich Bulletin.*

In General Benham's official report of the capture of Pulaski, he alludes thus handsomely to Col. Terry and his gallant Seventh Regiment:

"The 7th Connecticutt Regiment, under Colonel Terry, very ably manned the batteries which they had most laboriously constructed: so that I designated them, as I was pleased to find had been (unknown to me,) the previous selection of Gen. Gillmore, for the honor of being the first to garrison the surrendersd fort.

We see it stated that Dr. Bacon and Capt. Rodman, of the 7th, bore the summons to surrender, to Fort Pulaski.

News Items

Gen. Mitchell's division has arrived at Tuscumbia, Ala., and has possession of two hundred miles of the Memphis and Charleston R. R.

Large reinforcements arrived at Pittsburg on the 22d.

It is reported that Gen Burnside has received proposals from the Governor of North Carolina for the surrender of the State.

Gen. Mitchell's command consists of 12,000 men.

The New York legislature adjourned Wednesday morning, after a session of 108 days, and the enactment of about 500 laws.

Gen. Pope's division has been ordered to reinforce Gen. Halleck, and the whole force left for up the river on the 18th.

Our troops command possession of the town of Fredericksburg, the residents of which are entirely free in their usual business pursuits

Special Notices.

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REFERENCES.
Lewis L. Miller, M. D., } Providence, R. I.
Usher Parsons, M. D.,
Geo. L. Collins, M. D.,
Henry Aldrich, M. D., Richmond, R. I.

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Marriages.

In Lebanon, 18th inst., by Rev, John Avery, Mr. William Parker, of Manchester, and Miss Amelia J. Oliver, of Lebanon.

Deaths.

In North Carolina, Dr. D. W. C. Lathrop, assistant surgeon, with Gen. Burnside's Division, formerly of Windham.

In this village, at his residence, Charles Lyon, aged 59 years and one month. The funeral will be attended at his late residence at 3 o'clock Sabbath afternoon.

In Windham, 19th inst., Nancy W., relict of the late Rev. Roger Bingham, aged 77.

In West Killingly, March 27th, J. P. Nettleton aged 55.

In Coventry, 22d inst., Samuel H. Hunt, aged 3 years and 7 months.

In Chaplin, 24th inst., Elmira Seaverns, aged 70.

In Columbia, 24th inst., Salla Clark, aged 28.

In Mansfield, 21st inst., after a long and painful illness, which he bore with Christian patience, in the full belief of the final happiness of all men, through the atoning blood of Christ, Thomas Tillinghast, aged 73.

In Lakeville, Min., 6th inst., of measles, Oscar Griffin, only child of Griffin and Sarah J. Phelps, formerly of Willimantic, aged 6 years and four months. He was the first white child born in the town.

In South Coventry, 15th inst., Betsey, wife of Elisha Morey, aged 65.

In Stafford Springs, 18th inst., John Baker aged 83 years.

In Andover, 17th inst., Cyrus Bingham, aged 73.

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ABSTRACT of the Annual Account of the County Treasurer of Windham County for the year ending March 31, 1862, as audited and approved by the Commissioners.

RECEIPTS.

1861.	
April 1, Balance in Treasury,	$848 59
July 13, By cash from States Attorney for liquor fines,	107 25
1862.	
March 31, By rent of rooms in Court House,	29 50
" By note against Windham Co. Agricultural Society,	694 56
	$1679 90

EXPENDITURES.

1861.	
June 26, To Commissioners' Fees,	$21 06
Nov. 8, To repairs of Court House,	121 93
1862.	
Jan. 26, To bill of lamps,	21 74
March 18, To Insurance of Court House,	26 28
March 31, To Prison Keeper,	425 00
March 31, To County Treasurer's services,	28 30
	644 31
April 1, Balance	$1,035 59

This balance is already appropriated for the enlargement of the Prison, and the construction of other buildings.

GEORGE BUCK, } County
HENRY WYLIE, } Commis-
SAMUEL BINGHAM, } sioners.

Windham County ss., Brooklyn, April 11, 1862,
Subscribed and sworn to before me,
16 1w* URIEL FULLER, Justice of the Peace.

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